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## HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:

The Ward 2 office will be open from 8—12 on Dec 24 and 30, and will be closed on Christmas Day and New Years Day.

## PAUL'S NOTE

Tuesday's council meeting was also a good chance to do a send-off for Roger Tamietti. The three decade veteran of the Tucson Fire Department will be retiring this month.

I got to know Captain Tamietti shortly after my appointment to the council. He also served as the head of the Tucson Fire Fighters Association and in that role not only ably represented his brother and sister firefighters, but also steered a variety of charitable projects that helped the greater Tucson community.

That community spiritedness is what struck me most about Tamietti. Even when he was advocating on behalf of his union,

he always addressed the issues in terms of what it would mean for the Tucsonans that he and his fellow firefighters worked for.

In his time as a firefighter, Tamietti estimates that he delivered fifteen babies. That's in addition to the hundreds of Tucsonans whose lives he saved during his time. In one of his final calls, he and his crew were called out to respond to a man having a heart attack. As it turned out, the man was an aging World War II veteran. After they had helped him out with his more immediate needs, Tamietti and his crew cooked him breakfast and stayed to listen to him tell his stories.

I know that that level

of caring is not unique among our firefighters, but Tamietti is a special person and I appreciate the time we got to work together. Enjoy retirement, Roger.

I'd also like to wish a happy retirement to Police Chief Roberto Villaseñor, who also attended his last council meeting this week.

Chief led the department during a tough time, but as I said at the dais, we have not suffered much of the same strife between communities and departments that other cities have had over the last couple of years.

I valued his counsel and admired the commitment he had to the men and wom-

## PAUL'S NOTE, CONTINUED

en under his command. Good luck on your next endeavor, Chief.

Downtown is hosting two holiday events this Saturday.

The Southern Arizona Transportation Museum will be presenting Holiday Express with Santa. The event will feature singing, a reading of Polar Express, a chance to get into the cab of Locomotive 1673 and a chance for your child to talk to and be photographed with a special visitor from the North Pole. The event is free and takes place at the Historic Depot at 414 N Toole Avenue. It will run from noon to 4.

The 21st Annual Downtown Parade of Lights gets underway at 6:30 on Saturday. This year's route starts at Stone Avenue and 17th Street and heads north before snaking around to Armory Park. A map of the route and more information can be found at <http://www.downtowntucson.org/>.

In last week's newsletter, I talked about the Urban Farming Ordinance. I misstated the "points" needed for a miniature goat, which is five rather than four. Also, I didn't give credit to three of the people who did a lot of work on the issue. Jim Mazzoco, the interim director of Development Services, and Carolyn Laurie from his staff managed the ordinance from the staff end, synthesizing a great variety of community suggestions into a workable law as well as researching what other communities are doing. Credit also goes to Merrill Eisenberg. Many of her suggestions formed the basis of the new rules and she took on the task, as a volunteer, of educating the public on the issue.



## KOLB ROAD/SABINO CANYON ROAD UPDATE

**Construction update:** Construction of the extension of Sabino Canyon Road to Kolb Road is beginning. Tucson-based Ashton Company was selected as contractor for the project with a low bid of approximately \$12.3 million.

**Project schedule:** Minor construction activities began December 14 to start clearing the construction site along the entire length of the project. Construction will occur Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. during the winter months.

Major construction will begin after the first of the year. Work will take approximately 15 months to complete (weather permitting) with an anticipated completion date of Feb. 28, 2017.

**Lane restrictions:** As the majority of the work for this project takes place where no roadway exists, lane restrictions will be minimal. Traffic on Sabino Canyon, south of Tanque Verde, will have at least one through lane in each direction available at all times. Traffic on Kolb Road will have at least two lanes available in each direction at all times.

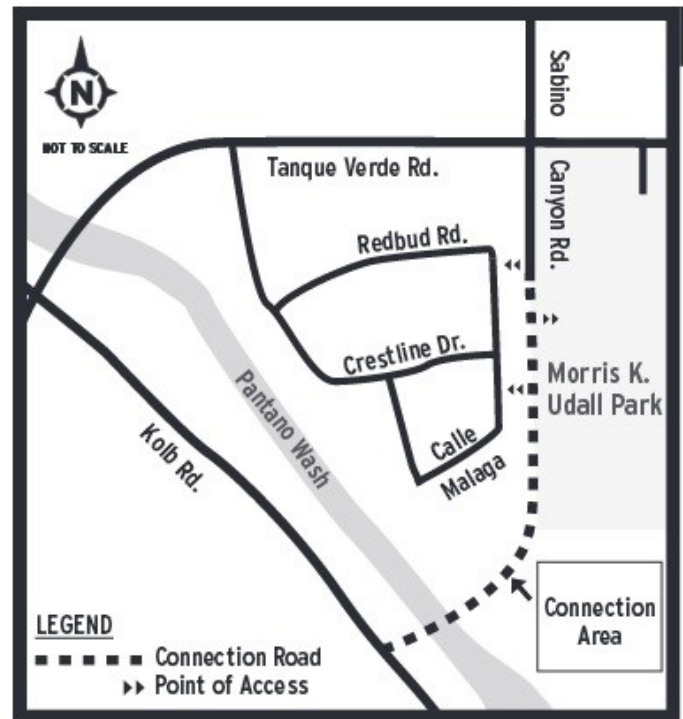
**Access to businesses and local residences:** Access to businesses and local residences will be available at all times throughout the course of the project with the exception of temporary delays during grading, demolition work and paving. Residents will be notified two days in advance of any work that will result in a delay that lasts longer than 15 minutes.

**Project improvements:** Project improvements include two lanes of traffic in each direction, along with new signals at both the Sabino Canyon Road intersections with Kolb Road and Crestline Drive. Improvements also include sound walls where warranted, bridges across Vincent Mullins Landfill and the Pantano Wash, drainage improvements, landscaping, public art, and pedestrian and bicycle facilities along the length of the project. In addition, LED street lighting for driver safety and neighborhood security will be included as well.

This project is part of the \$2.1 billion, 20-year RTA plan that was approved by voters in May 2006.

We appreciate your patience and want to hear from you if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions.

More project information is available at the website, [www.sabinokolbconnection.info](http://www.sabinokolbconnection.info).



## SENIOR OLYMPICS

Tucson Parks and Recreation presents the 32nd Annual Senior Olympic Festival. This festival is a celebration to promote fitness, health, and an active lifestyle among adults 50 years of age and older. Events include volleyball, bowling, bridge, racquetball, basketball shoot, pickleball, archery, golf, tennis, horseshoes, badminton, and so much more.

The 32nd Annual Senior Olympic Festival will feature nearly 100 events and activities at more than 20 venues throughout the City of Tucson from Jan. 9 to 31, 2016

Register through Dec. 31 at [www.EZEEreg.com](http://www.EZEEreg.com). Entry fee varies by event. Please visit the website below for more information on fees.

Note: Any registration postmarked after Jan. 1, 2016 will be subject to a \$3 per event late fee. No registrations will be accepted after Jan. 11, 2016 (or postmarked by Jan. 9). The event is open to ages 50 or older. For complete Senior Olympic Festival information visit [www.TucsonSeniorGames.org](http://www.TucsonSeniorGames.org). Contact Mike Davis at [Mike.Davis@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:Mike.Davis@tucsonaz.gov) or 791-3244 to have a book mailed to you.

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## PARKS PROGRAMS

**Spring 2016 Program Guide and Class Catalog:** The 2016 catalog is available for free pick-up at all Parks and Recreation facilities and the Ward 2 office. For questions or more information, contact the Registration Office at 791-4877.

**TreeCycling:** Residents can recycle their Christmas trees through the City of Tucson's TreeCycle Program. The program begins on Saturday, December 26, 2015 and continues through Tuesday, January 12, 2016. TreeCycle sites are located throughout Tucson and Oro Valley. Details and a complete list of TreeCycling locations can be found at: <https://www.tucsonaz.gov/treecycle>

*All Parks and Recreation facilities will be closed on Friday, December 25 in observance of the Christmas holiday, and on Friday, January 1 for the observance of the New Year holiday.*

*Udall Center will close at 2 p.m. on Thursday, December 24.*

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Please bring these items to the Ward 2 Office  
for the following charities:

**THE COMMUNITY FOOD BANK—Non Perishable  
Items**

**DIAPER BANK OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA—  
Infant/Child/Adult Diapers**

**TIHAN - Personal Care Items for Individuals  
and Families in Need**

**LIONS CLUB—Eye Glasses**

**DANCING IN THE STREETS ARIZONA—Ballet/  
Dance Equipment**

**CASA MARIA—Plastic bags**

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## MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Meetings are complete for the year. The next Mayor and Council meeting will be on **Tuesday, January 5**. Regular Session starts at 5:30 pm following an afternoon study session. There is always a short call to the audience before the business portion of the meeting. Council chambers are located downtown at 255 W Alameda.

The agendas for the meetings are posted online at <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/clerks/mcdocs>

